



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jon M. Bishay et al.
Application No. : 09/752,382 Confirmation No.: 7499
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COUPLING
THERAPEUTIC AND/OR MONITORING EQUIPMENT TO A
PATIENT

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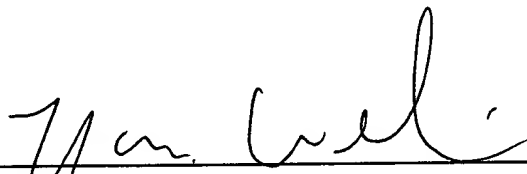
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3)

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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